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Camp near Culpeper Court House,  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1863,

My Darling Mother;

You will see by the  
superscription of my letter that we are  
again on the march, we left Fredericksburg  
last Sunday and reached this place  
yesterday, we leave this morning en route  
for Winchester, and from thence I hope on  
to Pennsylvania." It seems to be  
the general impression that it is  
Lee's intention to invade, Hooker's  
whereabouts are not exactly known,  
but it is probable that he will give  
us battle somewhere on the line.

General Ewell with his Corps has already  
reached Winchester and whipped Milroy.  
Since I last wrote you, the Army  
has been reorganized and instead of  
two Army Corps, we now have three



Longstreet has command of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lieut. Gen. Euell of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and  
Lieut. Gen. A. P. Hill of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, our  
Division has been transferred from  
Longstreet's Corps to A. P. Hill's, and  
as Barksdale's Brigade still remains  
in Longstreet's Corps, I am entirely  
separated from my old friends of  
the 17<sup>th</sup>.

I had the pleasure not long  
since of meeting Mrs. Gen. A. P. Hill,  
a party from our Brigade went to the  
house at which she was staying to  
honor her with a serenade, the old  
gentleman at whose house she was  
invited us in, had a very nice  
supper set out, and we had quite  
an agreeable evening. Mrs Hill is a  
sister of General John H. Morgan,  
and she is evidently not a little  
proud of her lofty military position  
being the sister of one General and



the wife of another; she is however very plain and unpretending in her manners, by no means brilliant or showy in her appearance, and most probably a very estimable lady.

I went down to Hanover County, the week before we left Fredericksburg and spent a very pleasant week, plenty of nice milk, butter, ice, strawberries etc, of course I enjoyed it hugely. I met a good many of my relatives also whom I had never seen before, the sons of Uncle Tom Fox, and their wives, by all of whom I was treated with great kindness, while there I also formed the acquaintance of a Miss Anderson, a niece of Hon John Minor Botts, and slightly related to Judge Clayton, she is a very nice young lady, and I was much pleased with her.



I noticed in the papers yesterday  
that the Yankee Cavalry had  
been to Holly Springs, and  
I don't know when you will  
get this.

I havn't received a letter  
from home since Father's of  
April 12<sup>th</sup> I hope for the best  
however,

The troops have commenced  
moving and I must close,  
I don't mind marching  
at all now, since I have  
a horse, it is decidedly  
more comfortable,

Good bye,  
Your devoted son  
Wm  
Vill. C. Nelson